

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1744

To provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEDICARE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL DES-**
4 **IGNATION.**

5 Section 405(h) of the Medicare Prescription Drug,
6 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
7 108–173; 117 Stat. 2269) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) EXCEPTION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made
11 by paragraph (1) shall not apply to the certifi-
12 cation by the State of Minnesota on or after

1 January 1, 2006, under section
2 1820(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)) of one hos-
4 pital that meets the criteria described in sub-
5 paragraph (B) and is located in Cass County,
6 Minnesota, as a necessary provider of health
7 care services to residents in the area of the hos-
8 pital.

9 “(B) CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—A hospital
10 meets the criteria described in this subpara-
11 graph if the hospital—

12 “(i) has been granted an exception by
13 the State to an otherwise applicable statu-
14 tory restriction on hospital construction or
15 licensing prior to the date of enactment of
16 this subparagraph; and

17 “(ii) is located on property which the
18 State has approved for conveyance to a
19 county within the State prior to such date
20 of enactment.”.

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